



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Monday - September 30, 2002**

- ***In the West***, warm, dry weather favors autumn fieldwork in ***California and the Southwest***. Meanwhile, scattered showers are aiding recently sown winter grains in the ***Northwest***, but more moisture is needed to ensure proper autumn establishment.
- ***On the Plains***, very cool weather continues to slow winter wheat emergence across ***northern portions of the region***, especially in ***Montana***, although topsoil moisture remains mostly favorable. Meanwhile on the ***central and southern Plains***, warm, dry weather favors summer crop harvesting and winter wheat emergence, although rain will soon be needed to promote wheat establishment.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, scattered showers and thunderstorms are causing only minor harvest delays across ***northern portions of the region***. Elsewhere in the ***Midwest***, warm, dry weather favors fieldwork and winter wheat emergence.
- ***In the South***, warm, dry weather favors a gradual return to fieldwork and is aiding recently soaked cotton in the ***Delta*** and parts of the ***Southeast***.

**Outlook:** For the remainder of the week, warm, dry weather will prevail across the ***Northeast, Mid-Atlantic States, and Ohio Valley***, while scattered showers will continue across the ***upper Midwest***. Farther west, cooler weather and periods of rain will accompany a series of cold fronts in the ***Pacific Northwest, central and northern Rockies, and central and northern Plains***. By week's end, scattered showers will spread into portions of the ***Southwest and southern Plains***, while tropical moisture will provide a chance of showers to the ***Gulf Coast States***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for October 5-9 calls for wetter-than-normal conditions across the ***Great Lakes, Ohio Valley, and Northeast***, but drier-than-normal weather in much of the ***West***. Below-normal temperatures are expected across the ***Great Basin, central and northern Rockies, and northern Plains***, while warmer-than-normal weather is forecast for the ***Gulf and Atlantic Coast States***.

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